

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When a polarizer is arranged between a light guiding plate and a liquid-crystal panel, p-polarized or s-polarized light can be selectively passed through the polarizer using a positional relationship between the vibrating direction of the light and a transmission axis of the polarizer. In other words, s-polarized or p-polarized light can be selectively absorbed by the polarizer. For example, when the light vibration direction of p-polarized substantially matches the transmission axis direction of the polarizer, the p-polarized light can be selectively passed therethrough. This selective passing of light can also be applied to the s-polarized light.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The reflective liquid-crystal display 70a shown in Fig. 12 includes a polarizer 81 below the light guiding plate 73 of fine prism type and a liquid crystal panel 85 below the polarizer 81. The liquid-crystal panel 85 includes a liquid crystal layer, substrates (namely, a first substrate 8182 and a second substrate 83) sandwiching the liquid-crystal layer, and a pixel electrode (reflective electrode) 87. The other components are almost the same as those

shown in Fig. 3 and hence description thereof will be avoided. The light guiding plate 73 and the liquid-crystal panel are arranged according to a front-light optical system. In this configuration, a layer of air 88 is intercalated between the light guiding plate 73 and the polarizer 81.--